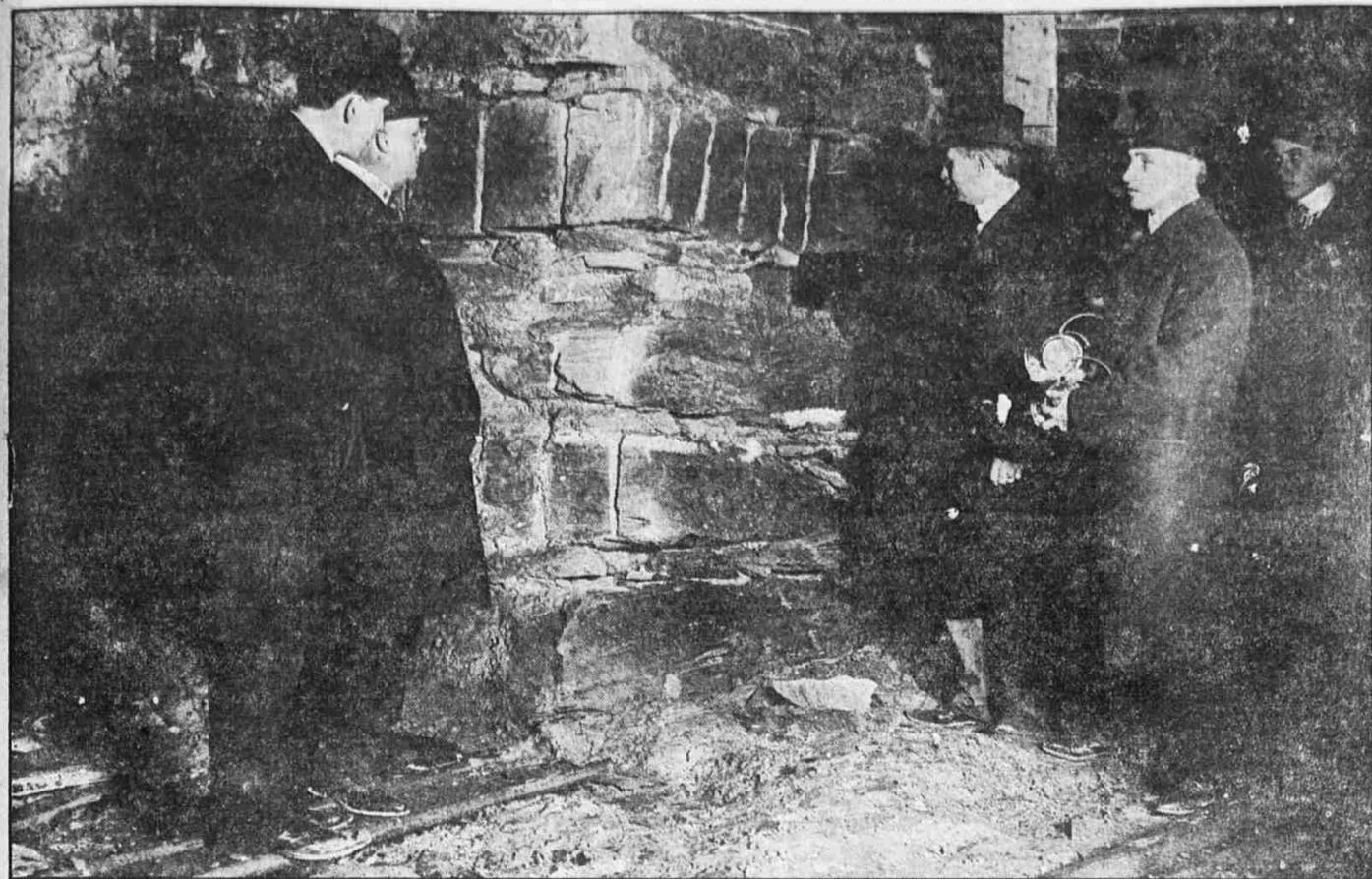




MAYOR EXPLORES SUBWAY EXCAVATIONS UNDER CITY HALL WITH DIRECTOR TWINING



The Transit Director is pointing out to Mayor Smith, who is accompanied by Finance Chairman Gaffney, the formation of the rock foundations deep under City Hall. The photograph was made by flashlight by an EVENING LEDGER staff photographer.

QUICK NEWS

READING MAKES COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO TRAINMEN

Charles H. Ewing, general manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, today duplicated the action of the Pennsylvania Railroad and 456 other railroads throughout the country by making counter-proposals to the demands of 360,000 trainmen for the eight-hour day and time-and-a-half pay for overtime work. The matter will be arbitrated.

ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMSHIP LOST

LONDON, March 30.—The British steamship Diadem, 3753 tons, has been sunk by a mine or submarine. She was owned in Newcastle.

POLICE ORDER STORES CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

Numerous complaints that Market street stores were keeping open for business on Sundays resulted in an order from police headquarters today that all stores, except those dealing in the necessities of life, shall remain closed all day Sunday. Although it was not included in the order, it is understood that offenders will be arrested. Stores that deal in milk, bread, meat and other edibles may be opened before 9 a. m. and after 5 p. m. Drug stores, of course, are exempt from the order.

22,000 SERBIAN REFUGEES DIE ON MARCH TO SALONICA GENEVA, March 30.—Twenty-two thousand Serbian refugees died on the march to Salonica, following the invasion of Serbia by Austro-German and Bulgarian armies, according to a report received today by Mlle. Comte, of Geneva, representative of the Swiss Red Cross at Salonica.

NO RUSSIAN ATTACKS SOUTH OF NAROCZ LAKE

BERLIN, March 30.—"South of Narocz Lake the Russians did not repeat their attacks," today's official statement says. "In this sector and west of Jakobstadt, as well as north of Widsy, the artillery was very active. In the sector of Postavy quiet prevailed."

RED RIBBONS OF LEGION GIVEN ITALIAN STATESMEN

PARIS, March 30.—President Poincaré today decorated Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino, of Italy, with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor. General Dall'Olio, Minister of Munitions in the Italian Cabinet, was made a Grand Officer of the Legion. The Italian Ministers came to Paris for the Allies' war conference. The presentation of their decoration was marked by a brilliant ceremony at the Elysee Palace.

SENATE ORDERS GASOLINE PROBE

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Senate adopted without dissent today a resolution introduced by Senator Martine, of New Jersey, calling on the Attorney General to investigate whether the sensational rise in gasoline prices is due to any unlawful combination. At the same time an open Congressional investigation of the subject was announced by Chairman Van Dyke of a subcommittee of the House Mines Committee. The House inquiry grows out of Representative Randall's bill for government ownership and operation of oil fields.

RAILWAYS WIN RESPITE IN DISSOLUTION ORDER

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today suspended indefinitely, pending further inquiry, its order requiring a severance of relations between railroad companies and the Chesapeake Bay steamship lines which they operate.

AUSTRIAN AIRMEN SHELL FIVE ITALIAN TOWNS

ROME, March 30.—Five towns in northern Italy have been bombarded by two Austrian airmen. The towns attacked are Cervignano, San Giorgio di Nogaro, Palazzuolo, Pordenone and St. Reggenio. A bridge on the Piave was also bombarded. The War Office announced that insignificant damage was done.

AMERICANS IN LONDON PROTEST AGAINST U-BOAT ACTS

LONDON, March 30.—Taking for granted that a German submarine damaged the Channel liner Sussex, the American residents of London at a mass-meeting today adopted a resolution protesting against the attack. A copy of the resolution was sent to President Wilson.

DUBAIL NAMED MILITARY GOVERNOR OF PARIS

PARIS, March 30.—General Dubail today was appointed Military Governor of Paris and commander of the army protecting the capital, succeeding General Maunory, who retired at his own request, owing to ill health. Dubail formerly commanded a division in eastern France. Maunory has been called one of the "saviors of Paris" because of his brilliant moves during General von Kluck's drive upon the city. He was shot in the eye in the battle of Soissons.

FIX MAY 25 AS STATE'S GOOD ROADS DAY

HARRISBURG, March 30.—Governor Brumbaugh today issued a proclamation fixing Thursday, May 25, as "State-wide Good Roads Day." The Governor calls on all citizens to plan their personal duties so they can devote that day to the improvement of the highways. He calls on all those who cannot be present to contribute either money or material to the proper local authorities.

BRITAIN TO DEFEND BLOCKADE PRINCIPLE

LONDON, March 30.—No time as yet has been fixed for the dispatch of the reply to the American note concerning restrictions imposed by Great Britain on maritime commerce. It is expected the State Department at Washington will soon make an inquiry concerning the reasons for the delay. After being changed in accordance with the desires of France, the British draft of the reply was again submitted to the French Cabinet and did not prove wholly satisfactory. It is known that no concession leading to a declaration of an actual blockade is made in the note, which reiterates the principles set forth in Orders in Council and defends their application. In regard to the actual administration of these orders, however, some moderations are granted. These concessions are believed to be the result of suggestions made by France.

TURKS TURN ON FOE, BUT MEET DEFEAT

PETROGRAD, March 30.—"In the Caucasus, on the coast sector," says an official bulletin last night, "our detachments which had occupied the heights on the left bank of the River Ohren Dzhir (200 miles east of Trebizond) sustained during Monday night a series of desperate enemy counter-attacks. All of them were repulsed, and the Turks, having suffered terrible losses, beat a retreat, leaving behind prisoners and a gun. We also took prisoners in the direction of Erzinjan (105 miles west of Erzerum)."

GERMANS ARREST MERCIER'S SECRETARY

BERLIN, March 30.—M. Loncin, private secretary to Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian Primate, has been arrested, according to a dispatch from Brussels, given out today by the Overseas News Agency. "An investigation was begun some time ago of M. Loncin," says the News Agency. "He was suspected of maintaining forbidden intercourse with the enemy. A search of his home proved that he had intimate relations with an organization that secretly carried letters between Belgium and the enemy's front."

FRENCH CRUISER TAKES BRITON FROM SHIP

SAN JUAN, Port Rico, March 30.—The steamship Rio de Janeiro, bound from Rio de Janeiro for New York, was stopped by the French cruiser Descaartes, 100 miles from San Juan, last Saturday. A supposed Englishman on board, traveling as A. Gibson, was taken prisoner. Gibson embarked at Para for Porto Rico. Captain Miranda, of the Rio de Janeiro, said the French officer asked for Gibson and demanded his papers. When Gibson refused to give them up he was arrested.

BALDWIN GETS ORDERS FOR 50 LOCOMOTIVES

Baldwin Locomotive Works has received orders for 50 locomotives, 25 to be built for the Pennsylvania Railroad and 25 for the Great Northern Railway. The Pennsylvania Railroad has also ordered 25 locomotives from the Lima Locomotive Works. It also expects to order 20,000 freight cars in the near future.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES AT AVOCOURT WOOD

Attacks to Drive Them From New Positions Fail, French Say

QUIET AT MALANCOURT

PARIS, March 30.—Repeated counter-attacks, in which the Germans suffered heavy losses, were made last night by the Kaiser's troops in Avocourt wood. The official communiqué issued by the French War Office today said that heaps of bodies were left on the battlefield by the counter-attacks. All the attacks which were launched for the purpose of driving the French from their newly captured position in the south-eastern part of Avocourt wood, were complete failures. The War Office said that the Germans did not renew their attack against Malancourt. East of the Meuse there was an intermittent bombardment.

FRENCH STATEMENT

Following is the text of the communiqué: South of the Somme, after a violent bombardment, the Germans were able to penetrate one of our advanced positions west of Verdun. They were thrown out, however, by our counter-attacks. German counter-attacks launched against our position in Avocourt wood were repulsed. In front of Avocourt redoubt the Germans retired, leaving heaps of bodies on the ground. East of the Meuse and in the severe there was an intermittent bombardment. The Germans dropped stinging mines in the north of Malancourt, but they caused no damage. Our Lorraine our artillery was active between Domèvre and Brementil. Nothing important occurred on the rest of the front. On March 29 one of our aerial bombing squadrons threw 15 shells of large calibre on the station at Pagny-Sur-Moselle. On the night of March 28 two of our aviators bombarded the station at Malancourt.

Nearly an entire army division was wiped out by French machine guns and "Tis" when the Germans attacked the positions northwest of Verdun yesterday.

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Attempts Suicide by Shooting Edward B. Fox, 44 years old, attempted to end his life today at his home at 438 Elm street, Salem, N. J., by shooting himself near the heart, according to the police. He was taken to Cooper Hospital, Camden, where he is in critical condition. Physicians said domestic and financial troubles caused his attempt.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; gentle winds, mostly northeast. For details see page 15.

LOST AND FOUND

BARING—Lost a pearl and diamond ring. If found, please return to 2 E. Chestnut St., 2nd floor.

SOBA FOUNTAIN PORTFOLIO—Several sets of photographs taken at Broad St. and 2nd St. in Philadelphia. If found, please return to 2 E. Chestnut St., 2nd floor.

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Photographic Analysis of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite

Always intent on making a fine showing. Likes to pose as popular hero among women. Is a reckless speculator. Lacks a sense of responsibility. Is impulsive and deficient in prudence. Takes long chances without reflection.

WOMAN EXPERT SAYS WAITE HAS SLAYER'S FACE

Dr. Blackford Analyzes Characteristics Revealed by Photographs

IS "MORALLY DEFICIENT"

Hidden traits of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner of his millionaire father-in-law and mother-in-law, were revealed today by Dr. Katherine M. H. Blackford, of New York. Doctor Blackford is noted as a student of human minds, human history and human development. The central figure in New York's most weird murder wants to shine as a good sport, besides posing as a popular hero among women. He is also eager to become possessed of wealth. When the young dentist is in a mood to speculate in the hope of increasing his fortune he becomes reckless.

These deductions were made by Doctor Blackford after making a careful analysis of the dentist's photographs. Doctor Blackford for years has lectured on how the sharp-faced and flat-nosed man differ in character. She has also studied the little man and the little woman, and the big as well as the slender, the athletic and stout individuals. She is lecturing here on character analysis, and is stopping at the Hotel Adelphia. Years ago she originated the Blackford employment plan, from which big concerns select employees well fitted for the work they are to do.

Doctor Waite from a physical viewpoint is of the active, energetic, buoyant, positive type, according to Doctor Blackford. He is also quick and skilful in movement, likes activity and is capable of great bursts of speed.

"His body," said Doctor Blackford, "brain and nerves are fine and sensitive. He does not, therefore, endure discomfort, hardship or privation with any degree of patience and cheerfulness. He is easily affected by his physical environment, responds quickly to any physical stimulant, becomes ill suddenly, and recovers speedily, once he becomes convalescent. "Intellectually, he is keen, alert, ob-

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Rescue Worker Asphyxiated

John Taylor, 45 years old, who lived and worked at the national headquarters of the American Rescue Workers, at 2324 Franklin avenue, was found dead in a small room on the third floor of the building this morning, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. An investigation made by the police disclosed the fact that the man was cleaning the room yesterday and he is believed to have accidentally brushed against the gas jet, opening the key. The body was found by John Duffin, a son of General John Duffin, who is in charge of the rescue work in this city.

Two Persons Die in \$100,000 Fire

NORTH COLLINS, N. Y., March 29.—Two persons were burned to death in a mysterious fire which destroyed three business houses here today. The dead are Aldo Potter, 50 years old, and his wife, 18 years old. The property loss was \$100,000.

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VILLISTAS REACH GUERRERO HAVEN ELUDING PURSUIT

Outlaws Reported Fleeing to Hills From Santo Tomas

FIGHT EXPECTED SOON

Pancho Villa and a band of his outlaws are somewhere in the Guerrero Mountains, according to reports, after having fled through the historic town of Santo Tomas, with American forces in pursuit. Santo Tomas is halfway between Madera, General Pershing's new base, and Chihuahua City.

A message from General Pershing says that a band of Villistas was seen 55 miles south of Casas Grandes. It is scarcely thought Villa himself is with this band, so near the border.

An aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant Gorrell, left Columbus today for the front, resuming the air dispatch service with Pershing's columns.

Supply trains were made ready in El Paso to be sent forward at once to the expeditionary force following General Carranza's limited permission to the United States to use the railways.

Secretary of War Baker authorized purchase of eight \$10,000 aeroplanes for use of the Mexican expedition. An unconfirmed report says that

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15,000 AT FUNERAL OF BISHOP ORTYNSKY

Fourteen Masses Are Said for Church Leader—Impressive Ceremonies

Twelve Masses in addition to the Requiem High Mass and the Mass of the Consecration were said today over the body of Bishop Stephen Soter Ortynsky. It lay in state in a bronze casket, surrounded by floral tributes, the most conspicuous of which is one five feet high from the President of the United States. The services were held in the Cathedral of St. Mary and the Immaculate Conception, Franklin street above Brown street.

More than 100 priests and 15,000 members of the Ruthenian Greek Church, of which Bishop Ortynsky was the head, were massed in and about the building. Thousands of lighted candles were held by hundreds of weeping women. More than 300 societies were represented at the funeral.

After the services a funeral procession wound through the streets of the neighborhood and returned to the church, where the body was laid temporarily in a crypt underneath the altar.

Following the completion of a \$25,000 memorial chapel at the Ruthenian Cemetery, Lawrence, near Fox Chase, the body of the Bishop will be laid to rest there.

The Mass of the Consecration was conducted today by the Very Rev. Alexander Drublay, the Very Rev. Valentine Gorsu, the Very Rev. Joseph Manull, the Very Rev. Alexander Mlicky and the Rev. George Fegusa and John Krusky.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES HE WILL NAME TRANSIT COMMISSION OF EXPERTS AND LAYMEN

Will Ask City Councils to Make New Organization Possible as Means of Solving Complex High-Speed Problem

Former Director of Transit Taylor said today:

"I have not had time to digest Mr. Twining's report and do not wish to make any comment until I have carefully studied it. As soon as I have studied it carefully I shall show the people of Philadelphia what the adoption of the Twining plan would mean to them and what effect it would have upon the future development of the city."

Mayor Smith, following a long conference with Transit Director Twining, announced this afternoon that he intended to create a Transit Commission to act in an advisory capacity with the city Administration and with the Transit Department in working out the solution of Philadelphia's complex transit problem.

The commission, the Mayor said, should be nonpolitical in character and should be above question in personnel. It should consist of men of such repute as John G. Johnson and Rodman Wanamaker, he said, in addition to those who should represent the city on the commission. These should be, the Mayor said, himself, the Transit Director and the presidents of Common and Select Councils and engineers of unquestionable ability.

AN OPEN QUESTION

The announcement by the Mayor of his intention to create the Transit Commission together with Director Twining. This tremendous project is too important to be handled by one man. I mean to act with Councils in forming such a commission. It should consist of men entirely separate from the Rapid Transit Company and politics. They should consider the important contracts that will have to be entered into.

"Such a commission should include myself, Director Twining, Presidents Lennox and Gleason, of Councils; engineers of unquestionable ability and honesty and of unquestionable standing. Take for instance, Rodman Wanamaker, or John G. Johnson. I have not asked either of these men to serve, but merely use their names to illustrate the character of the men I believe should work with Twining."

"The commission should be above criticism, should hold public or private meetings as would seem best to discuss all the phases of transit arising out of the present plans. This would make certain a clear contract. I mean by that that there are always doubting Thomases, and that such a commission, acting with Director Twining, would put a stop to their carping before it is well started."

"I have not determined when I will take this matter up finally, but it is my best judgment that a transit commission to act in an advisory capacity is absolutely necessary."

The Mayor was then asked if he had given any consideration to the local tax proposal and the increased fare phase of Director Twining's report. The Mayor replied that he had not yet studied them and had no comment to make.

Vigorous protests against the proposal of Director Twining to tax outlying areas were made today.

"This convinces me that any station under City Hall is impractical," he said.

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MAYOR CERTAIN OF "NO STATION AT CITY HALL" One Look at the Cracks in Foundations of Building Decides Him

BRIEF INSPECTION TOUR

Mayor Smith put the touch of finality to his decision about what he considers the impracticability of putting a subway station under City Hall today after a visit to subterranean passages under the north-west tower of the building today. He was accompanied by Director Twining, Chief McLoughlin, of the Electrical Bureau, and representatives of the Keystone Construction Company, the contracting firm of Senator James P. McNichol.